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NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated from 15 September to 15 October 1999. The theme of this year's observance is "Vision for the 21st

Centennial. Commemorative events will be scheduled throughout USAREUR to mark this observance. Leaders should refer to USAREUR Pamphlet 600-21 and encourage participation in these events within mission constraints.

SLAVE-STARTING MILITARY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Commanders must ensure that operators, crews, and maintenance personnel know how to start assigned vehicles, rough-terrain forklifts, and power-generator sets using "slave" cables (special electrical cables designed for starting equipment). Knowing how to slave-start equipment is important in cold and hot weather. Improper slave-starting can cause the generator, protection-control box, or fuses to burn out. In calendar year 1998, improper slave-starting of equipment contributed to USAREUR units spending \$400,165 to replace 60-amp generators.

All combat and tactical vehicles, rough-terrain forklifts, and most power-generator sets are factory-equipped with either a U.S. or NATO slave receptacle. The slave cable is designed to match the U.S. or NATO slave receptacle on the equipment and cannot be connected incorrectly. Personnel should use the slave cable when possible.

Some combat vehicles and wrecker trucks are authorized a slave-cable kit in the basic-issue-items list. The slave-cable kit

is also in some toolsets, including the Organizational Maintenance Shop Set, Common No. 1.

Some automotive toolsets authorize a commercial-type jumper cable for starting equipment that does not have a U.S. or NATO slave receptacle. Even though the commercial jumper cable is color-coded for use, it can be connected incorrectly. Commercial jumper cables should not be used for equipment with U.S. or NATO slave receptacles.

Damaged slave cables and cables with the connectors removed are unsafe. Using damaged cables is prohibited.

Slave-starting is different for each type of equipment. Instructions usually are published in the operating instructions of the equipment operators technical manual, chapter 2. Commanders should ensure unit compliance with slave-starting instructions.

Commanders should conduct slave-starting training twice a year for each different item of assigned equipment. Training personnel should contact their supporting United States Army Tank Automotive Command logistics assistance representative (TACOM LAR) for training in slave-starting techniques. The European TACOM office (375-6063) has TACOM LAR names and telephone numbers.

Comments or questions should be referred to Mr. Nona at DSN 370-8282 or e-mail: nonaw@hq.hqusareur.army.mil.

ITALIAN VISA REQUIREMENT

U.S.-passport holders who plan to stay in Italy for more than 90 days, including DOD civilian employees and U.S. Government-accredited contractors, their family members, and family mem-bers

of U.S. Forces military personnel, require appropriate residence visas. These persons must obtain resident visas before coming to Italy from the Italian consulate that has jurisdiction over their place of assignment or residence.

Persons without proper visas will not be allowed to stay past the time allowed for tourists (90 days) and will not be allowed to change their status while in Italy. These persons must return to the place where they previously resided or were assigned (for example, Germany, the United States) to get visas.

➤ DOD civilian employees and U.S. Government-accredited contractors need a visa "for work purposes" (*visto per motivo di lavoro*).

➤ Family members need a visa "for family reasons" (*visto per motivo di famiglia*) unless they are citizens of European Union (EU) countries traveling on EU passports.

➤ Citizens of EU countries traveling on EU passports do not need a visa regardless of how long they stay in Italy.

➤ Non-U.S. and non-EU passport holders may need a visa to stay in Italy for any length of time. These persons must check with an Italian embassy or consulate to determine visa requirements.

USAREUR personnel and their family members who need Italian visas should follow visa-application procedures in USAREUR Regulation 600-290 at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A passport does not give the holder the authority to enter any country. Many countries require military and

civilian personnel (including family members) to get advance approval before entering their territory. This approval is usually given in the form of a visa entered in the traveler's passport. Types of visas include, but are not limited to, business, fiance, student, trainee, transit, and visitor.

Travelers may get information about visa requirements from an embassy or consulate of their home country or the country they wish to visit or travel through. Travel agencies also may advise travelers on visa requirements. Orders-issuing authorities and soldier leave- and pass-approving authorities can get the information from the community travel clearance manager.

USAREUR travel clearance manager office telephone numbers are as follows:

BELGIUM

Chièvres 361-5233/5082
(80th ASG)

GERMANY

Ansbach 468-7735/1530
(235th BSB)
Bad Kreuznach 490-5108/5107
(410th BSB)
Bamberg 469-8810/8866
(279th BSB)
Baumholder 485-7141/7542
(222d BSB)
Darmstadt 348-6544/7132
(233d BSB)
Grafenwöhr 475-6876/7949
(7ATC/100th ASG)
Hanau 322-8144/8995
(414th BSB)
Heidelberg 370-8054/9804
(411th BSB)
Hohenfels 466-2792/2793
(282d BSB)
Kaiserslautern 489-6109/1530
(415th BSB)
Kitzingen 355-8569/1530
(417th BSB)
Mannheim 380-3315/1550
(293d BSB)
Schweinfurt 354-6680/1530
(280th BSB)
Stuttgart 421-2133
(6th ASG)
Vilseck 476-2802/1530

(409th BSB)
Wiesbaden 337-5540/5103
(221st BSB)
Würzburg 351-4590/4756
(98th ASG)

ITALY

Vicenza 634-7701
(USASETAF)

THE NETHERLANDS

Schinnen 360-7533/7313
(254th BSB)

USAREUR PAMPHLET RESCISSION

The following USAREUR pamphlet is rescinded (the proponent staff office at HQ USAREUR/7A is shown in parentheses):

➤ USAREUR Pamphlet 25-20, European Theater Commercial Post, Telegraph, and Telephone (PTT) Telecommunications Systems, 1 March 1990 (ODCSIM)

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➤ USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 1-20, Legislative Liaison, 16 August 1999

➤ USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 190-22, Searches, Seizures, and Disposition of Property, 10 August 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 190-47, United States Army Confinement System in USAREUR, 26 August 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 350-3, USAREUR Tactical Intelligence Readiness Training (REDTRAIN) Program, 19 August 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 600-1, Regulated Activities of Members of the U.S. Forces,

the Civilian Component, and Family Members, 13 July 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 710-1, The Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS) Parameters, 3 August 1999

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